

Careers of the future

Choosing a career is no easy task – which careers will grow in the coming years and which will decline?

Using extensive research and the latest data on the UK jobs market we've created an extensive list of Careers of the Future, putting 12 in the spotlight:



Care Workers

People in this job: **729k**



With an increasing demand for workers, plenty of opportunities for progression and a job in which 96% said they feel their work makes a difference, frontline care has huge amounts to offer.



Average hours: **40** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£12k**

A fulfilling career that suits those who excel in organising, multi-tasking and with a commercial mind, offering good progression in a fast paced industry.

Construction Project Managers

People in this job: **64k**



Average hours: **40** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£27k**



Electricians

People in this job: **297k**



Their work is vital to business in the UK, not to mention the force that keeps our homes lit and running. Tens of thousands of people will need to be recruited in the next decade if business is to continue to operate, and we're all to keep our lights on.



Average hours: **43** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£17-20k**

Farmers play a crucial role in our future – from environmental concerns to the origins of the food on our plates. Rapid adoption of technology and increasingly complex business models place farming at the forefront of our economy.



Farmers

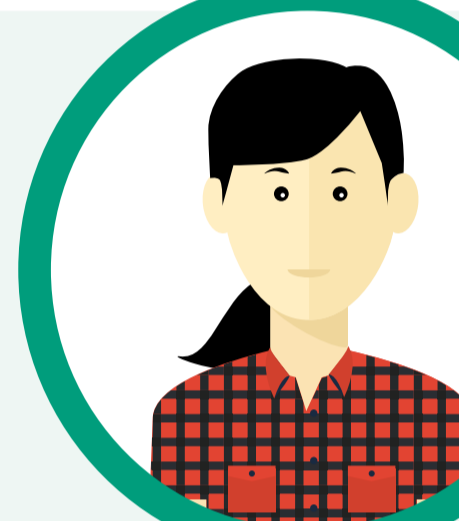
People in this job: **162k**



Average hours: **52** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£13k**



IT Business Analysts

People in this job: **113k**



Average hours: **38** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£20k**

In a world in which information technology keeps almost every aspect of business ticking, it's no surprise that IT business and system analysts are in strong demand.

Key to the UK economy, with engineers at the forefront of designing everything from better forms of green energy to the latest breed of nuclear power stations. It's a highly skilled profession but has multiple entry routes.



Mechanical Engineers

People in this job: **94k**



Average hours: **39** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£22k**



Nurses

People in this job: **628k**



There are few professions that are as emotionally rewarding as nursing. Those who join this highly sought after and much appreciated profession can access a wealth of opportunities, giving them the chance to forge fulfilling careers and to help society too.



Average hours: **38** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£21k**

Working as a police officer provides an opportunity to give something back to the community. It's far from an easy job, but knowing you're making a real difference can provide some of the richest rewards around.

Police Officers

People in this job: **193k**



Average hours: **42** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£23k**



Programmers & Software Development Professionals

People in this job: **280k**



Average hours: **38** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£20-26k**

Lying at the heart of British business, from designing the software that keeps huge retailers and manufacturers moving, to building the latest hit games and apps. IT is a huge part of our everyday life, and those helping to build and maintain it are in demand.

They get the company car, the performance related pay and a chance to shape the future direction of organisations.

Sales Account Managers & Business Development Managers

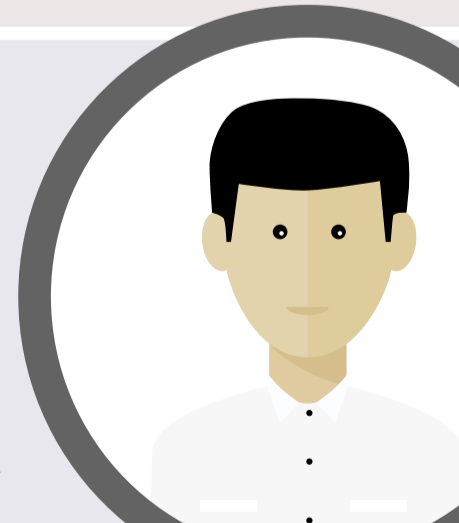
People in this job: **436k**



Average hours: **38** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£18-25k**



Secondary School Teachers

People in this job: **420k**



Average hours: **33*** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£22k**



While it remains a demanding role, the career of teaching is ultimately highly rewarding emotionally and in terms of progression.

*Contracted hours - Department for Education survey includes unpaid duties increase average working week to 56 hours.

It's a job that shows no signs of going despite the hype of driverless trains, with pay at double the average and a safety-conscious 39 hour working week.



Train & Tram Drivers

People in this job: **29k**



Average hours: **39** UK average: 39



Starting salary: **£18-22k**



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